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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA--SECOND COMITE--ITEM 46 ENVIRONMENT

ARGENTINE RES A/C.2/L.1368/REV.1

REF (A) STATE 264959 (B) STATE 264960 (C) USUN 5443

1. RES A/C.2/L.1368/REV.1 DID NOT COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION IN SECOND COMITE PM TODAY (DECEMBER 3). INSTEAD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS TOOK PLACE WITH ARGENTINE DEL AND OTHER INTERESTED DELS INCLUDING CANADA, DENMARK, AND MEXICO. RESULTS THESE CONSULTATIONS AS FOLLOWS.

2. WITH REGARD TO OP PARA 2(A), ARGENTINE WILLING TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "TO CONDUCT ITS ACTIVITIES, IN ITS FIELD OF COMPETENCE, IN LINE WITH THE DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". THIS SENTENCE WOULD REPLACE EXISTING OP PARA 2(A) AND WAS PROPOSED BY ARGENTINE DEL.

3. WITH REGARD OP PARA 4(B), ARGENTINE DEL WILLING TO CONSIDER UNCLASSIFIED

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LANGUAGE FOLLOWING PHRASE "AT ITS THIRD SESSION" WITH FOLLOWING

LANGUAGE: "BY BRINING THEM INTO LINE, IN ITS FIELD OF COMPETENCE, WITH THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." THIS LANGUAGE ALSO PROPOSED BY ARGENTINE DEL DURING CONSULTATIONS. (THE NEW LANGUAGE IN BOTH OP PARAS 2(A) AND 4(B) SHOULD BE COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS FORMULATION THESE PARAS WHICH WAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT IN REF (C) PARAS 2(A) AND (B).

4. WITH REGARD CHAPEAU FOR OP PARA 4, CANADA PROPOSED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO END OF CHAPEAU: "IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 1." US DEL PROPOSED A NEW CHAPEAU AS FOLLOWS: "REQUEST THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP TO CONSIDER ASKING THE UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR". ARGENTINE DEL COUNTERED WITH LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED AT THE END OF THE CHAPEAU". "IN KEEPING WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM".

5. WITH REGARD OP PARA 1, THIS PARA NOW NOTES WITH SATISFACTION NOT ONLY THE REPORT OF THE GC BUT ALSO "ITS ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM". THIS COMPARES WITH PREVIOUS FORMULATION SHOWING ONLY "ITS WORK PROGRAM".

COMMENT. MOST OF THESE CHANGES AND PROPOSALS WERE MADE AFTER US DEL INDICATED VOTE STANCE PROVIDED REFERENCES (A) AND (B). IF US DEL CALLS FOR A VOTE, ARGENTINE NO DOUBT WILL REVERT TO STRONGER LANGUAGE IN OP PARAS 2(A) AND 4(B) AND THE CHAPEAU OF OP PARA 4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THESE CHANGES WHICH SEEM TO PARTIALLY SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO OFFENSIVE PARAS. SHOULD A VOTE BE CALLED FOR AND ARGENTINE REVERT TO STRONGER FORMULATION THESE PARAS CANADA PROBABLY WOULD ORALLY PROVIDE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHAPEAU OF OP PARA 4 ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED ABOVE. END COMMENT.

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